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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-second session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 to 26 July 1991. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 8 July 1991 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the forty-second session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-second session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its forty-first session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its forty-second session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1 to 5 July 1991.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

6. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its forty-first session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning second and third periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the forty-second session; to revise, in the light of the comments of the Committee members at the forty-first session, drafts updating the Committee's general comments on articles 7 and 10 of the Covenant; to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it relating to article 25 of the Covenant; and to formulate recommendations relating to the meeting in September 1991 of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-second session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Niger	Initial report due in 1987	(CCPR/C/45/Add.4)
Algeria	Initial report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/62/Add.1)
Austria	Second periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/51/Add.2)
Guinea	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.2)
Belgium	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.3)
Byelorussian SSR	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.8)
Ecuador	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.9)
Poland	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.10)
Mongolia	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.2)
Colombia	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.3)
Uruguay	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.4)
Senegal	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.3)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya, and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the forty-first session (12 April 1991) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	14
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	5
Ireland	7 March 1991	1

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1983	16
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1983	16
Bulgaria	28 April 1984	15
Cyprus	18 August 1984	15
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	15
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	4
Gambia	21 June 1985	13
Suriname	2 August 1985	12
Venezuela	1 November 1985	12
Lebanon	21 March 1986	12
Kenya	11 April 1986	11
Mali	11 April 1986	11
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1986	11
Jamaica	1 August 1986	9
Netherlands Antilles	31 October 1986	3
Guyana	10 April 1987	9
Iceland	30 October 1987	8
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	7
Peru	9 April 1988	6
Egypt	13 April 1988	6
El Salvador	31 December 1988	5
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	4
Gabon a/	20 April 1989	4

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a/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

Second periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Afghanistan	23 April 1989	4
Luxembourg	17 November 1989	3
Congo	4 January 1990	3
Zambia	9 July 1990	2
Bolivia	13 July 1990	2
Togo	23 August 1990	2
Republic of Cameroon	26 September 1990	2

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Iran (Islamic Republic of) b/	21 March 1988	7
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya b/	4 February 1988	7
Lebanon b/	21 March 1988	7
Madagascar	3 August 1988	-
Yugoslavia	3 August 1988	6
Bulgaria b/	28 April 1989	4
Romania	28 April 1989	4
Cyprus b/	18 August 1989	4
Syrian Arab Republic b/	18 August 1989	4
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	3
New Zealand b/	27 March 1990	3
Iraq	4 April 1990	2
Gambia b/	21 June 1990	2
Mauritius	18 July 1990	2
Hungary	2 August 1990	2
Suriname b/	2 August 1990	2
Denmark	1 November 1990	2
Italy	1 November 1990	2
Venezuela b/	1 November 1990	2
El Salvador b/	28 February 1991	1
Barbados	11 April 1991	1
Kenya b/	11 April 1991	1
Mali b/	11 April 1991	1
United Republic of Tanzania b/	11 April 1991	1

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b/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's forty-first session (12 April 1991) and the closing date of its forty-second session (26 July 1991)

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Somalia	23 April 1991
Republic of Korea	8 July 1991

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due
Nicaragua	11 June 1991

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-second session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Sudan (initial report)	CCPR/C/45/Add.3	Monday, p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	8 July 1991 10 July 1991
Morocco c/ (second periodic)	CCPR/C/42/Add.10	Thursday, a.m./p.m.	11 July 1991
Madagascar (second periodic)	CCPR/C/28/Add.13	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	15 July 1991 16 July 1991
Jordan (second periodic)	CCPR/C/46/Add.4	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	17 July 1991 18 July 1991
Iraq */ (third periodic)		Thursday, p.m. Friday, a.m./p.m.	18 July 1991 19 July 1991

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*/ At its forty-first session, the Committee requested the Government of Iraq to submit its third periodic report without further delay and, in any event, by 15 June 1991, for discussion by the Committee at its forty-second session. Upon receipt, the report will be issued as document CCPR/C/64/Add.6.

c/ The Commitee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Morocco at its 1032nd to 1035th meetings (fortieth session).

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-second session.

Under this item, the Committee will also consider revised draft general comments on articles 7 and 10 of the Covenant as well as any other draft general comment that may be submitted to it by its working group.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and thirty-five communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 31 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 70 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

6. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under Article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Protocol.

At its fifth session, the Committee decided that, beginning with 1979, it would adopt its annual report at the end of its second annual (summer) session, for appropriate transmission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. Accordingly, the annual report of the Committee in 1991 will cover the activities of the Committee at its fortieth (October/November 1990), forty-first and forty-second sessions.